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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, EC, FR, GW  
SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF EC ECONOMIC POLICY

REF: BONN 2377

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAWITZ IN ECONMIN  
INFORMED EMBOFF ON MARCH 2 THAT THE FRG AND FRANCE  
HAVE BEGUN PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR FIRST BILATERAL  
SESSION ON ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION, WHICH WILL BE  
HELD IN MAY. ECONMIN STATE SECRETARY SCHLECHT WILL HEAD  
THE GERMAN DELEGATION, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE FINANCE  
MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY POEHL AND DR. SCHLESSINGER  
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FROM THE BUNDES BANK. THE FRENCH SIDE WILL BE HEADED  
BY M. RIPERT, HEAD OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL PLAN  
COMMISSARIAT. AT GERMAN REQUEST THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY  
SESSION HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE BILATERAL REGIONAL  
POLICY ISSUES, INDUSTRIAL POLICY, AND COMPETITION  
POLICY. MORAWITZ COMMENTED THAT THE ECONMIN BELIEVES  
THAT THE FRENCH HAVE CLEARLY LAGGED IN DEVELOPING AN

EFFECTIVE ANTITRUST POLICY. HE CITED IN PARTICULAR THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE PATRONAT AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AS A MAJOR FACTOR MILITATING AGAINST COMPETITION POLICY IN FRANCE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE FRG COULD MAKE USE OF THESE BILATERAL SESSIONS TO GIVE FRENCH POLICY A PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

2. DR. MORAWITZ ALSO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT EC COMMISSIONER ORTOLI VISITED BONN ON MARCH 1 FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH MINISTERS FRIDERICH AND APEL ON POSSIBLE MEANS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. ORTOLI EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN INJECTING MORE SUBSTANCE INTO COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC POLICY. HE ALSO PRESSED WITHOUT SUCCESS FOR MORE EXPANSIONARY ACTION BY THE FRG. MORAWITZ COMMENTED THAT THIS SESSION WAS LONG ON WORDS, BUT SHORT ON SUBSTANCE.

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